

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**  
IHS Southwest Regional HR Office  
Phoenix Service Unit, Phoenix Indian Medical Center Servicing Office  
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*Preference in filling vacancies is given to qualified Native American Indian Candidates or Alaska Natives in accordance with the INDIAN PREFERENCE ACT, TITLE 25, US CODE, SECTION 472 & 473. In order than the above, the Indian Health Service is an Equal Opportunity Employer.*

<b>ANNOUNCEMENT NUMBER:</b>	<b>OPENING DATE:</b>	<b>CLOSING DATE:</b>
<b>PM-08-013-OCA</b>	<b>07/24/2008</b>	<b>12/31/2008</b>
<b>POSITION TITLE/SERIES/GRADE: POSITION TITLE/SERIES/GRADE:</b>		
Nurse Midwife, GS-610-9/11/12		
<b>The Phoenix Indian Medical Center may offer percentage Bonus for a Recruitment, Relocation, or Retention with the starting salary.</b>		
<b>STARTING SALARY:</b>	GS-610-09 - \$53,065 - \$65,008 per annum GS-610-11 - \$64,198 - \$78,643 per annum GS-610-12 - \$75,025 - \$92,341 per annum	
<b>PROMOTION POTENTIAL:</b>	Yes, GS-11 and GS-12 for the full performance level	
<b>SUPERVISORY/MANAGERIAL:</b>	No	
<b>NUMBER OF VACANCY:</b>	# OF POSITIONS – As Vacancies occur Permanent Full-time, day shift, night shift, rotational shifts.	
<b>APPOINTMENT/WORK SCHEDULE:</b>	Permanent Full-time, day shift, night shift, rotational shifts	
<b>AREA OF CONSIDERATION:</b>	Indian Health Services (I H S) WIDE.  Also open to all qualified U.S. Citizens. This position, is also announced under SWR-DHA-08-02, locate under the website <a href="http://www.usajobs.gov">www.usajobs.gov</a> . You may submit an application to both vacancy announcements.	
<b>DUTY LOCATIONS:</b>	Phoenix Indian Medical Center, Phoenix, AZ	

**JOB DESCRIPTIONS:**

**Obstetrics/Gynecology Unit – Nurse Midwife GS-610-9/11/12:** As a member of the health care team, a Nurse Midwife providing primary health care for your particular nursing specialty to patients at a clinic, hospital or Medical Center based setting. The incumbent must be able to operate patient business software to maintain health records on the clinical and nursing care of patients. Incumbent provides independent care for mothers and babies throughout an essentially normal maternity cycle within the framework of a medically directed health service. Provides responsible management care, counseling and teaching, to ensure the well being of the mothers and babies. The incumbent Performs diagnostic services, which includes securing medical histories, conducting physical examinations; interpreting laboratory and x-ray results in order to define health problems and ascertain therapy required that are typical to advanced nursing practice. The incumbent will work under the supervision by the chief of OB/GYN or his/r her designee. Performs other duties as assigned.

**Example of Specialized Experience:** Work experience reflecting knowledge of current nursing principles, work experience reflects knowledge of hospital policy, practices, and procedures, relating to patient care. This may included assessing, managing the care of selected patients, and providing various medical treatments, health teaching, counseling to individual and families through out all age.

**WHO MAY APPLY:** Merit Promotion and Excepted Service Eligible Candidates. U.S. citizenship is required.

- Excepted Service Examining Plan Candidates (ESEP) – Individuals entitled to Indian Preference who wish to be considered for excepted appointment in IHS, under authority of 5 CFR, Part 213, Schedule A 213.3116(B)(8).
- Merit Promotion Plan Candidates (MPP) – Current permanent competitive Federal status employees, reinstatement eligible, and current IHS Indian Preference individuals and/or individuals who are eligible for excepted appointment in IHS under some other authority (e.g., handicapped authority, etc).
- PHS Commissioned Corps Officers – Current active or inactive Commissioned Officers may apply.
- Veteran's Preference - Preference eligible veterans who have been separated from the armed forces under honorable conditions after 3 years or more of continuous active service may apply. Applications will be accepted from individuals eligible for non-competitive appointment (e.g., applicants eligible for appointment
- under the Veterans Readjustment Act, the severely handicapped, those with a 30% or more compensable service-connected disability). Veterans who are preference eligible or who have been separated from the armed forces under honorable conditions after 3 years or more of continuous active service may apply.
- Vacancies may be filled through Office of Personnel Management's delegated Direct Hire Authority (D.H.A.). The Direct Hire Authority has been authorized by the Homeland Security Act of 2002 and Part 337, Subpart B, Title 5 of the Code of Federal Regulations (5 CFR). If filled utilizing D.H.A the following is applicable: all applicants who meet the basic qualification requirements will be forwarded to the Selecting Official for consideration. The "rule of three" Veterans' preference and traditional rating and ranking of applications do not apply to the Direct Hire process. Indian Preference does apply

**Indian Preference applicants must indicate on their applications whether they are applying under the MPP, ESEP, or both. If not indicated, they will be considered under the MPP.**

Qualified disabled applicants (Rehabilitation Act of 1973) and disabled veterans with 30% or more disability are encouraged to apply. Reasonable accommodations will be made for qualified applicants with disabilities, except when doing so would impose undue hardship on the Indian Health Service

**CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT:**

1. Selectee(s) are required to be immunized against Measles and Rubella and provide documentation prior to or at the time of their start date. Special consideration may be allowed to individuals who are allergic to a component of the vaccine or are currently pregnant. Selectee must have documented immunity to Rubella and Measles.
2. Selectee(s) are required to complete Security questionnaire and fingerprint chart for investigative purposes under PL 101-630 Indian Child Protection and Family Violence Prevention Act. Persons, who have been arrested for or charged with a crime involving a child, or violent crime against a person, are not eligible for employment with IHS under PL 101-630.
3. Selectee(s) are required to complete a "Declaration of Federal Employment – Optional Form 306" to determine your suitability for Federal Employment, and to certify the accuracy of all the information in your application. Persons making false statements in any part of the application may not be hired; or fired after employment starts; or may be fined.
4. Males born after December 31, 1959 are required to be registered with the Selective Service System in order to be eligible for employment with the Federal Government.
5. Selectee(s) are required to have a viable bank account at a financial institution for electronic direct deposit of salary payment.
6. Some service units operate under extended service hours 7 days per week.
7. The incumbent may be required to travel and must possess a valid driver's license.

Selectee may require access to the Unified Financial Management System (UFMS) and may require Level V Background/Security clearance.

**QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS:** Applicants must be able to perform the tasks of the position. Rating will be based on the following elements:

GRADE	EDUCATION	AND	SPECIALIZED EXPERIENCE
GS-9	2 full years of progressively higher level graduate education or a master's degree	AND	1 year of experience equivalent to at least the GS-7 level.
GS-11	Completion of all requirements for a doctoral degree (Ph.D. or equivalent) or 3 full years of progressively higher level graduate education	OR	1 year of experience equivalent to at least the GS-9 level  1 year of experience equivalent to at least the GS-10 level
GS-12 and above	None	OR	1 year of experience equivalent to at least the next lower grade level

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## **Basic Requirements for Education, Licensure and Specialist Experience:**

**Basic Requirements:** Degree or diploma from a professional nursing program approved by the legally designated State accrediting agency at the time the program was completed by the applicant.

**Education:** Degree or diploma from a professional nursing program approved by the legally designated State an accrediting agency at the time the program was completed by the applicant. Graduate-level education must have been in nursing with concentration in a field of nursing (e.g., teaching, a clinical specialty, research, administration, etc) or in a closely related non-nursing field directly applicable to the requirements of the position to be filled. **Transcripts must be provided if you are substituting education for experience.**

**Licensure:** Applicants must have active, current registration as a professional nurse in a State, District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, or a territory of the United States. An applicant who has graduated from an approved nursing educational program within the past 12 months may be appointed pending State registration as a professional nurse within 6 months of appointment. No person appointed pending registration may be retained beyond 6 months, or promoted, if registration has not been attained.

In Addition to the Basic Requirements, applicants must have one year of experience equivalent to at least the GS-09 level and/or applicants must have specialized experience directly related to education Graduate-level education must have been in nursing with a concentration in a field of nursing (e.g., teaching, a clinical specialty, research, administration, etc.) or in a closely related non-nursing field directly applicable to the requirements of the position to be filled.

Evaluation of experience must have equipped the applicant with the particular knowledge, skills, and abilities to perform successfully the duties of the position. At GS-9 and ABOVE, many positions require experience in a specialty area of nursing.

**Specialized Experience:** Experience that equipped the applicant with the particular knowledge, skills, and abilities to perform successfully the duties of the position, and that is typically in or related to the work of the position to be filled. To be creditable, specialized experience must have been equivalent to at least the next lower grade level in the normal line of progression for the occupation in the organization.

**Examples of Specialized Experience:** Examples of Specialized Experience are given under job descriptions, for each specialty area.

**Selective Placement Factor:** The following selective placement factor has been determined to be essential for the position. Candidates must demonstrate possession of the factor in order to be considered minimally qualified for the position.

- Certification by the appropriate certifying body (such as the American Nursing Association, American Midwifery Certification Board, State Board of Nursing, etc) as Nurse Midwifery. A copy of the certification must be provided with your application. Nurse Midwives or:
- Applicants for Nurse Midwife must have completed an organized program of study and clinical experience recognized by the American College of Nurse Midwives.

**Your description of work experience, level of responsibility, and accomplishments will be used to determine that you meet these requirements. Failure to submit a copy to verify that the selective placement factor is met will cause loss in consideration for this position.**

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### **TIME IN GRADE:**

Candidates must have completed at least one year of service in a position no more than one grade lower than the position to be filled. (If selected under the Excepted Service Examining Plan, such individuals may be appointed under Schedule A authority without regard to Time-In-Grade requirements.)

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### **LEGAL AND REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS:**

Candidates must meet time-after competitive appointment, time-in-grade, and qualification requirements within 30 calendar days after the closing date of the vacancy announcement.

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**METHODS OF EVALUATION:** Evaluation is made on the basis of appropriate education, experience, performance appraisals, training, self-development, outside activities and special awards. Experience related to tribal involvement and to Indian community projects will also be evaluated. Applicants will also be evaluated on the following ranking factors, i.e., Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities (KSA's).

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### **SUPPLEMENTAL QUESTIONNAIRE on KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES (KSA):**

On a separate sheet of paper, discuss how you performed (or have potential to develop) the particular knowledge, skill, or abilities listed below. (Failure to submit written responses as part of your application may result in an ineligible rating.)

#### **KSA's for GS-610-09:**

1. **Ability to provide professional nursing care to patients.** Nurses must be able to use all phases of the nursing process to care for patients and to make nursing judgments based on data such as collecting assessment data, planning, implementing and evaluating
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patient care. What in your background shows you possess this ability? What was the duration of these activities? Who can verify this information? (Please provide a telephone number.)

2. **Ability to teach.** Nurses must be able to convey complex health information in a variety of settings such as, one to one; family conferences; peer education; and interdisciplinary clinical settings. What in your background shows that you possess this ability? What was the duration of these activities? Who can verify this information? (Please provide a telephone number.)
3. **Ability to work with specialized equipment.** Nurses must be able to operate and utilize specialized equipment in the collection of patient data and make nursing judgments based on chart data such as, monitor/defibrillator, fetal monitor, monitor equipment, IV infusion devices, ventilators, suction devices, respiratory equipment, swan-ganz, computers, etc. What in your background shows that you possess this ability? What was the duration of these activities? Who can verify this information? (Please provide a telephone number.)
4. **Ability to provide leadership on the nursing unit.** Nurses must be able to direct the activities of others, such as, making patient care assignments, access the unit and establishing priorities, serving as charge nurse, serving as preceptor for orientation, providing technical expertise and guidelines. What in your background shows that you possess this ability? What was the duration of these activities? Who can verify this information? (Please provide telephone number.)

**KSA's for GS-610-11/12:**

1. **Ability to provide professional nursing care to patients.** Nurses must be able to use all phases of the nursing process to care for patients and to make nursing judgments based on data such as collecting assessment data, planning, implementing and evaluating patient care. What in your background shows you possess this ability? What was the duration of these activities? Who can verify this information? (Please provide a telephone number.)
2. **Ability to teach and counsel.** Nurses must be able to convey complex health information in a variety of settings such as, one to one; family conferences; peer education; and interdisciplinary clinical settings. What in your background shows that you possess this ability? What was the duration of these activities? Who can verify this information? (Please provide a telephone number.)
3. **Ability to work with specialized equipment.** Nurses must be able to operate patient business software to maintain health records on the clinical and nursing care of patients. Utilize specialized equipment in the collection of patient data and make nursing judgment based on chart data such as, monitor/defibrillator, fetal monitor, monitor equipment, IV infusion devices, ventilators, suction devices, respiratory equipment, swan-ganz, computers, etc. What in your background shows that you possess this ability? What was the duration of these activities? Who can verify this information? (Please provide a telephone number.)
4. **Ability to provide leadership on the nursing unit.** Nurses must be able to direct the activities of others, such as, making patient care assignments, access the unit and establishing priorities, serving as charge nurse, serving as preceptor for orientation, providing technical expertise and guidelines. What in your background shows that you possess this ability? What was the duration of these activities? Who can verify this information? (Please provide a telephone number.)

**The information you provide is considered to be a part of your application and as such is certified by your signature on the application or equivalent.**

**SPECIAL APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:** In addition those listed in the "How to Apply" section, candidates must also include:

- a) Copy of current Nursing License.
- b) Copy of any applicable OR attained certifications, either required or based on specialty training.
- c) Selective Placement Factor response, e.g. specialty certifications
- d) Declaration for Federal Employment (OF-306)
- e) Transcripts must be submitted to receive credit for education

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**HOW TO APPLY/REQUIRED FORMS (Incomplete applications will not be considered):**

1. Applicants may use one of the following to apply: (1) OF-612 Optional Application for Federal Employment, or (2) Resume (see requirements in **Attachment A**).
2. If claiming Indian Preference, BIA 4432 "Verification of Indian Preference for Employment in BIA and IHS".
3. If claiming Veteran's Preference, copy of DD-214 Form, and SF-15 if claiming 10 point Veteran's Preference.
4. Copy of latest Personnel Action (SF-50), if a current or former employee, and/or if requesting Reinstatement Eligibility.
5. Copy of the most recent performance appraisal, if a current Federal employee.
6. Copies of college transcripts. Education will not be given credit without them. To claim credit or if you are substituting education for experience, you are required to provide evidence of the education by providing a copy of your official transcripts. No credit will be given without your transcripts.
7. Copy of current unrestricted Medical License, if applicable.
8. If applicable, written responses to the Selective Placement Factor (SPF). In order to be considered you are required to provide a written narrative for each SPF. See contents of Vacancy Announcement.
9. Addendum to Declaration for Federal Employment (OF 306) form (Child Care & Indian Child Care Worker Positions - PL 101-630 Questionnaire - **form attached**).
10. Completed Selective Service Registration Form (**form attached**).

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11. Written Responses to the Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities (KSA) - (**OPTIONAL** ~ failure to submit may result in an ineligible rating or substantially lower score).
  12. Identify typing proficiency, if applicable. See contents of Vacancy Announcement.
  13. Commissioned Corps Officer: (1) Curriculum Vitae, (2) Medical License, (3) Addendum to Declaration for Federal Employment (OF 306) form (Child Care & Indian Child Care Worker Positions - PL 101-630 Questionnaire - **form attached**, (4) Latest COER, (5) Current Billet Description, and (6) BIA FORM 4432, if claiming Indian Preference.

Application and required forms must be identified by this announcement number and submitted to the address below:

**ATTN: PM-08-013-OCA  
Office of Human Resources  
Phoenix Indian Medical Center  
1616 E. Indian School Rd., Suite 360E  
Phoenix, AZ 85016**

**Phone:** (602) 248-4180  
**Fax:** (602) 248-4182

Facsimile is acceptable – this office is not responsible for incomplete transmissions. All submitted materials are subject to retention by this office. You should duplicate and retain copies, since requests for copies will not be honored. Additional information regarding Federal job opening can be obtained at [www.opm.gov](http://www.opm.gov), or at USAJOBS [www.usajobs.opm.gov](http://www.usajobs.opm.gov) or check the IHS Website at [www.ihs.gov](http://www.ihs.gov). All documents are subject to the provision of the Privacy Act (PL 93-579) and become the property of Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

**Additional selections of candidates may be possible within 90 days from the date the certificate of eligible candidates is issued for this announcement, for filing additional or similar positions.**

Human Resource Specialist: (Call 602-248-4180 to contact a Human Resources Specialist.)

Date: 7/24/2008

## **ATTACHMENT A**

**Resume Requirements** - Your resume or other application format must contain the following information to allow for qualification determination.

- Identify your application/resume by the announcement number, title and grade(s)
- Full Name (first, middle, last ~ include other names used, i.e., maiden name)
- Mailing Address
- Phone Number where you can be reached
- Email Address (if applicable)
- Social Security Number
- Country of citizenship
- Education: list high school and colleges attended, type of degree (list major) received, date of degrees conferred, and city and state of school.
- Work Experience: (include non-paid work as well as paid)
  - Job Title (if Federal employment, indicate series and grade)
  - Duties and Accomplishments
  - Employer's name and Address
  - Employer's name and phone number
  - Starting and ending dates of employment (month/year)
  - Hours of work per week
  - Salary
  - Indicate if you do not want us to contact your current supervisor (if not specified, it will be assumed that we may do so)
- List job related training (title, year obtained, hours of training)
- Honors or awards received
- License or certificates obtained (submit with application)
- Special accomplishments (i.e., publications, memberships, leadership and community recognition, etc).

Indicate if you do not want your current supervisor contacted for reference purposes.

## **ATTACHMENT B**

1. You may be eligible for special selection priority consideration under the Career Transition Assistant Program (CTAP) if you are a current career or career-conditional (tenure group I or II) employee of the DHHS Agency at the GS-15 grade level or below or equivalent, and who has received a specific RIF separation notice or a Certificate of Expected Separation indication your job is surplus, or notice of removal for declining a directed reassignment or transfer of function outside the local commuting area. To qualify for special selection priority consideration under CTAP you **MUST** also meet the criteria shown in paragraph 3 below.
2. You may be eligible for special selection priority consideration under the Interagency Career Transition Assistance Program (ICTAP) if you are a current or former career-conditional (tenure group I or II) employee of any agency in the competitive service at the GS-15 grade level or below or equivalent, who has received a specific RIF separation notice or a notice of proposed removal for declining a directed reassignment or transfer of function outside the local commuting area. You may also be eligible if you were separated because of a compensable injury and your compensation has been terminated; or you retired with a disability and your disability annuity has been or is being terminated; or you were in receipt of a RIF separation notice and retired on the effective date of the RIF or under discontinued service; or you are a former Military Reserve Technician or National Guard Technician who is receiving a special disability retirement annuity from OPM. To qualify for special selection priority consideration under ICTAP you **MUST** also meet the criteria shown in paragraph 3 below.
3. To qualify for special selection priority consideration under CTAP or ICTAP for this vacancy, you **MUST** also meet **ALL** of the following:
  - (a) Have a current or last performance rating of record of at least fully successful or equivalent. A copy **MUST** be submitted with your application package. (Note: this requirement does not apply to candidates who are eligible due to compensable injury or disability retirement).
  - (b) Be applying for a position at or below the grade level from which you will be, or have been separated, and which does not have a greater promotion potential than the position from which you will be, or have been separated.
  - (c) Occupy or be displaced from a position in the same local commuting area of the position for which you are requesting priority consideration.
  - (d) File your application by the vacancy announcement closing date and meet all the applicable criteria. Your application **MUST** include **ALL** documents that support your claim of eligibility for priority consideration – RIF separation notice, or notice of proposed removal for declining a directed reassignment or transfer of function to another commuting area; SF-50 Notification of Personnel Action, showing that they were separated as a result of RIF, or declining a transfer of function or directed reassignment to another area; official certification from an agency stating that it cannot place an individual whose injury compensation has been or is being terminated; or official notification from the Military Department or National Guard Bureau that the employee has retired under 5 USC 8337(h) Or 8456.
  - (e) Be rated “well qualified” for this position. A numerical rating of 85 is considered to be well qualified for this position.

## **APPLICANT'S STATEMENT OF SELECTIVE SERVICE REGISTRATION STATUS**

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If you are a male born after December 31, 1959, and are at least 18 years of age, civil service employment law {5 U.S.C. 3328} requires that you must be registered with the Selective Service law, unless you meet certain exemptions under Selective Service law. If you are required to register but knowingly and willfully fail to do so, you are ineligible for employment by executive agencies of the Federal Government.

### **CERTIFICATION OF REGISTRATION STATUS**

Check one:

- ☐ I certify I am registered with the Selective Service System.
- ☐ I certify I have been determined by the Selective Service to be exempt from the registration provisions of Selective Service law.
- ☐ I certify I have not registered with the Selective Service System.
- ☐ I certify I have not reached my 18<sup>th</sup> birthday and understand I am required by law to register at that time.

### **NON-REGISTRANTS UNDER AGE 26**

If you are under age 26 and have not registered as required, you should register promptly at a United States Post Office or consular office if you are outside the United States.

### **NON-REGISTRANTS AGE 26 OR OVER**

If you were born in 1960 or later, are 26 years of age or older, and were required to register but did not do so, you can no longer register under Selective Service law. According, you are not eligible for appointment to an executive agency unless you can prove to the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) that your failure to register was neither knowing nor willful. You may request an OPM decision through the agency that was considering you for employment by returning this statement with your written request for an OPM determination together with an explanation and documentation you wish to furnish to prove that your failure to register was neither knowing nor willful.

### **PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT**

Because information on your registration status is essential for determining whether you are in compliance with 5 U.S.C. 3328, failure to provide the information requested by this statement will prevent any further consideration of your application for appointment. This information is subject to verification with the Selective Service System and may be furnished to other Federal agencies for law enforcement or other authorized use in implementing this law.

### **FALSE STATEMENT NOTIFICATION**

A false statement may be grounds for not hiring you, or for firing you if you have already begun work. Also, you may be punished by fine or imprisonment (Section 1001 of title 18, United States Code).

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Legal signature of individual {please use ink}

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Date signed {please use ink}



**Addendum to Declaration for Federal Employment (OF 306)**  
**Indian Health Service**  
**Child Care & Indian Child Care Worker Positions**

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**Item 15a. Agency Specific Questions**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please print)

Job Title of Announcement: \_\_\_\_\_ Announcement Number: **PM-08-013-OCA**

Section 231 of the Crime Control Act of 1990, Public Law 101-647, requires that employment applications for Federal Child care positions contain a question asking whether the individual has ever been arrested for or charged with a crime involving a child and for the disposition of the arrest or charge.

Section 408 of the Miscellaneous Indian Legislation, Public Law 101-630, requires a criminal record check for positions in the Department of Health and Human Services that involve regular contact with or control over Indian Children. The agency must ensure that persons hired for these positions have not been found guilty of or pleaded nolo contendere to violent crimes.

To assure compliance with the above laws, the following questions are added to the Declaration for Federal Employment.

- 1) Have you ever been arrested for or charged with a crime involving a child? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

*[If YES, provide date, explanation of the violation, disposition of the arrest or charge, place of occurrence, and the name and address of the police department or current court involved.]*

- 2) Have you ever been found guilty of, or entered in a plea of nolo contendere (no contest) or guilty to, any felonious or misdemeanor offense under Federal, State, or Tribal law involving crimes of violence, sexual assault, molestation, contact or prostitution, or crimes against persons? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

*[If YES, provide date, explanation of the violence, description of the arrest or charge, place of occurrence, and the name and address of the police department or court involved.]*

I certify that (1) my response to these questions is made under penalty of perjury, which is punishable by fines of up to \$2,000 or 5 years imprisonment, or both; and (2) I have received notice that a criminal check will be conducted. I understand my right to obtain a copy of any criminal history report made available to the Indian Health Service and my right to challenge the accuracy and completeness of any information contained in the report.

Applicant's Signature (*sign in ink*) \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Public Burden Statement: In accordance with Paperwork Reduction Act (5 CFR 1320.8 (b)(3), a Federal agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. Respondents must be informed (on the reporting instrument, in instructions, or in a cover letter) the reasons for which the information will be collected; the way the information will be used to further the proper performance of the functions of the agency; whether responses to the collection of the information are voluntary, required to obtain a benefit (citing authority), or mandatory (citing authority); and the nature and extent of confidentiality to be provided, if any (citing authority). Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 15 minutes per response, including time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the necessary data, and completing and reviewing the collection information. Send comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information to the IHS PRA Information Collection Clearance Staff, 12300 Twinbrook Parkway, Suite 450, Rockville, MD 20852. ***Please do not send completed data collection instruments to this address.***